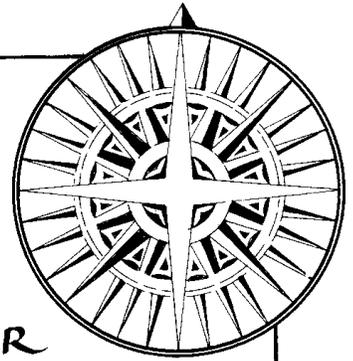




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THE BOULDER GROUP NEWSLETTER



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No Monthly Program in Dec.

To arrange a presentation of your own or suggest a good presenter, contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at rbguthrie@yahoo.com, or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688.

Brainard Cabin Host Training Dec. 4

Come learn all the secrets of stoves, wood, water, and ashes —



everything you need to know to be a host at Brainard Cabin.

Meet at 8:00am on Saturday, December 4, in the parking lot at the northeast corner of Iris and Broadway to carpool. Or meet at the winter closure gate at 9:00am.

- Three mile walk to the cabin.
- Bring lunch.
- Home by 4:30pm.

Contact Otto Verdoner at 303-443-9883 or ottov@csd.net to sign up or to ask questions.

Holiday Party at the Clubroom

You are invited to a party at the Boulder Group Clubroom on Sunday, December 12, at 5:30pm!

This year the Boulder Group Council would like to extend an invitation to all CMC members and their guests to join us at our traditional December Council meeting & Holiday Potluck Dinner Party. It will be a cheerful evening and we'll have good old-fashioned music on the stereo. So please bring along a food dish of some sort and join us for an evening of pleasant company and a glass of wine (to be provided by the Boulder Council).

Come share the spirit of the season with your friends. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there — we promise that the business meeting will be brief and the party will be fun! For more information, phone the Clubroom at 303-554-7688.

Annual Dinner and Go Lite

Our really big show of the year was attended by 140 happy diners in the Glen Miller Ballroom on November 7. The mood was as exciting as ever, with old friends connecting and new members getting another view of this tremendous club. The food and wine were well received in this grand venue.

Our speaker, Kevin Volz, did an excellent job of entertaining us after dinner with a montage of his travels and climbs in some very exotic places. His presentation was the real hit as he combined it all with a little Seuss and famous quotes & poetry. He even managed to bring a tear to many an eye with a tale of tremendous group (self) sacrifice. Ask for a repeat of this one.

It was also a big surprise to many of us that the Outings Committee was able to secure so many nice prizes for trip leaders. There were wind shirts from GoLite, a backpack from EMS, and gift certificates from Neptune's and REI. The leaders who were there have suggested that attendance at the dinner be a requirement for winning. Congratulations to ALL leaders, however; we value you more than just a few dollars!

Don Walker was an excellent master of ceremonies as he didn't miss a single person in the business section of the dinner (which some always see as too long). He and the other presenters made it fun and informative. New council officers were elected for next year and a minor change to the by laws was approved.

Please send all suggestions regarding this year's dinner (and all ideas for next year's dinner) to Marilyn "Gracie" Fellows at 303-499-6099 or marilyn.fellows@eratradowind.com.



Backcountry Ski Touring Clinic in January

If you want to start backcountry skiing, or want to improve your technique, this clinic is designed for you — taught by a group of CMC skiers with something close to 90,000 miles of skiing, collectively!

This clinic is for beginners (never been on skis), advanced beginners (downhilled or cross countryed a few times), and beginning intermediate skiers (cross countryed some, but need to learn more skills). A mandatory 3-hour seminar will be January 4, 7:00pm, at Neptune Mountaineering, 633 Broadway, adjacent to the Boulder Clubroom. The seminar covers clothing, equipment, technique, and other ski trips for these abilities during the winter.



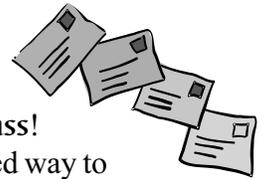
This is followed by two days (January 8 and 15) in the backcountry, emphasizing efficient travel on the flats, uphill and downhill, and turns. People should be fit enough for a day of moderate exercise in variable conditions. Beginners are strongly encouraged to sign up for both outdoor days, at no extra cost. Others sign up for one day, but are welcome to attend both days at no extra cost if there is space available. Inform us of the days you will attend when you sign up.

For those without equipment, you can rent it at a discount. Call Pete Birkeland, 303-442-0304, about rentals, or anything else. Anyone can attend the indoor seminar, but for on-snow sessions call the Clubroom early, 303-554-7688, and arrange to pay the \$15 fee in advance.

Pat Butler and Pete Birkeland are co-leaders of the class.

Mailing party Dec. 23

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the *Compass*!



This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club.

The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, December 23, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.



Help keep our records current

When you send in a change of address, please be sure to include your new telephone number.

LOWER PRICES

Advertise in the *Compass*!

In 2002, the *Compass* began accepting advertisements for the first time in our many years of publication. We did this as a service to our members so that we could afford the extra expense incurred by expanding the newsletter from four to six pages.

By advertising in the *Compass* you can help pay our production costs and, at the same time, let your Boulder friends know about your business. What's more, *Compass* ad prices have been slashed sharply, so now you can afford to reach out to all 1,600 Boulder CMC members!

New prices are:

Full page, \$195	Half-page, \$110
Quarter page, \$60	Eighth page, \$40
Business card, \$35 (nothing smaller than a business card is accepted)	

All layout and art work must be done by the advertiser. Ads must be submitted and *pre-paid* one month in advance for inclusion in the following issue. It is preferred that ads be in electronic format and e-mailed to the *Compass* editor.

Payment checks should be made out to "Colorado Mountain Club, Boulder Group" with the note, "Compass Ad" at the bottom and sent to Boulder Group CMC, 633 South Broadway, Unit N, Boulder 80305.

For more information call the Clubroom manager, Sheila Delamere, at 303-554-7688 or e-mail the *Compass* editor, Danita Dickinson, at danita@izzy.net.

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For membership info, call the Clubroom.

We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos. Please submit material by the second Monday of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

E-mail: danita@izzy.net (please include "Compass" in the subject line)

Boulder Volunteer Opportunities

The Colorado Mountain Club has been a volunteer driven organization for over 90 years. As a CMC member your efforts are a critical for our success. Offered below are opportunities to get more involved in the Club. Please step forward & don't be shy. You'll have fun and meet some great new people.

CMC State Board of Directors. Applicants are needed now for the Colorado Mountain Club state Board of Directors, terms to begin in January 2005. The "Board" is the over-all directing body for the state-wide Colorado Mountain Club organization. All volunteers are welcome to apply, though it is preferred that you have at least a couple of years CMC experience. Please email Don Walker for more information and an application form: dwyattwalker@direcway.com.

Monthly Program Helper. Know people with great mountain adventure stories to tell? Help line up interesting speakers for our monthly programs. Contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at rbguthrie@yahoo.com.

For general information about volunteering for the CMC, phone Sheila Delamere, Volunteer Coordinator, at 303-554-7688 during Clubroom office hours, Monday through Thursday, 5pm to 7pm.

Come to a council meeting

The CMC Boulder Group Council is governing board of the Boulder Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. The Council meets each month to make decisions affecting the Boulder Group of the CMC. Meetings are always open to the public, CMC members and nonmembers alike. So why not stop in at the Clubroom and see what goes on?



Council meetings are always held in the Clubroom at the Table Mesa Shopping Center on the second Monday of every month. Meetings begin at 6:30pm and you are always welcome to at-

tend. For more information, phone the Clubroom at 303-554-7688 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 5pm to 7pm.

It's your library... use it!

A little-known benefit of your membership is full privileges at the AAC/CMC library. Located in the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, the library contains over 20,000 volumes of mountaineering texts, videos, and anthologies.

CMC members statewide can take advantage of the library. All the books and videos are cataloged and can be accessed on line. Members can check items out on line. The only cost to you is the return postage; books are mailed from Golden to you at no charge.

Learn more at <http://www.americanalpineclub.org/knowledge/aaclibrary.asp>.



Support the CMC with employer matching plans

Did you know that the CMC is a 501c3 educational nonprofit and can accept charitable contributions? So your donation is tax deductible!

Did you also know that your employer may have a program to match your donation to the CMC?

Many local businesses encourage employees to donate their time and money to nonprofits like the CMC. For example, Excel Energy has a Matching Gifts Program, a Volunteer Energy Program, and a Dollars for Doing Program. All these programs enhance an employee's contribution, either time or money, to a 501c3 organization.

If you are one of our super volunteers who gives scores of hours to CMC, check with your employer to see if they have a volunteer contributing program. Or, when you make your contribution to CMC in addition to your yearly dues, ask your employer if they have a matching gifts program.



Have you seen the online Activity Schedule?

It's time to take a hike! And to make it even easier, you can look up CMC trips online — including all statewide CMC activities.

Simply go to the CMC Activity Schedule page at www.cmc.org/cmc/schedule.html and click on "Member Pages." You'll need your membership number and your ZIP code to access this area. (Your membership number appears on the mailing label on your Compass newsletter).

Now go take a hike (or a ski, or a climb, or a ...)!



December 2004 Boulder Group Trips

Friday, December 03

Rattlesnake Gulch, Eldorado Canyon *Moderate A*

Follow Rattlesnake Gulch up to old hotel ruins, then continue above ruins to an overlook of the Continental Divide. Ruth Eastman, 303 652-3097

Saturday, December 04

Trident, Third Pinnacle, Gregory Canyon *II Climb, 5.7*

Climb a short and easy roof problem next to Gregory Canyon Amphitheatre. Walk off. James Garnett, 303 564-8173

Sunday, December 05

Flattop Mtn. 12,324', Hallett Pk. 12,713' *Moderate C*

Hallett Pk has the dramatic rock face that dominates the view from Bear, Dream, and Emerald Lakes in RMNP. From Bear Lake wind up trail to Flattop. Then boulder hop to Hallett's summit with panoramic views of both sides of the Continental Divide. Snowshoes might be required. Seth W Allen, 303 554-5546

Tuesday, December 07

Avalanche Level 1 *Lecture #1*

Avalanche Level 1 Certification. Attendance at two lectures and a field trip required. The field trip will be in a winter avalanche environment of intermediate back country terrain. Beacons, skis or snowboards with climbing skins, or snow shoes required. Only people who have paid the registration fee will be allowed to attend lectures and field trip. Lectures 12/7 & 12/9. Field trip 12/11. (A second session begins 1/18/05.) Pat O'Brien, 303 926-9548

Thursday, December 09

Avalanche Level 1 *Lecture #2*

See 12/7 description. Pat O'Brien, 303 926-9548

Saturday, December 11

Brainard Lake Area

Mod. Snowshoe

Join in some good off-trail snow-shoeing from Red Rocks Lake parking lot. Rada Perovic, 303 985-3263

Nebel Horn *Difficult A*

From the top of Fern Canyon, take a short hike and a scramble to gain this formidable-looking summit block. Enjoy spectacular views to both the east and west from this unexpected, comfortable perch. Walter Pieniack, 303 527-0936

Avalanche Level 1 *Field Trip (Ski)*

See 12/7 description. Pat O'Brien, 303 926-9548

Little Raven Trail *Mod. II Ski Tour*

The most exciting route to Brainard Lake. After hot tea, zip back down. Steve Priem, 303 499-9024

Sunday, December 12

Lost Lake 9,786', Indian Peaks WA *Easy Snowshoe*

From Hessie Trailhead, snowshoe along the trail on the north slope of Bryan Mtn following the South Fork of Middle Boulder Creek. Then wind south to this picturesque lake. Amanda Baker, 303 772-7972

The Loch *Mod. Snowshoe*

From Glacier Gorge Trail, ascend on unnamed and icy Brook drainages past icicle-curtained canyon walls to this lake, which is surrounded by high RMNP peaks. Louis F Genduso, 303 530-3795

Thursday, December 16

Leader's Choice

Ice Climb

Come chop some early ice. Previous ice experience. Helmet and crampons required. Warren Bradshaw, 303 499-8969

Friday, December 17

Mt Lincoln

Ice Climb

Enjoy some early season ice at Mt. Lincoln. Previous ice experience necessary. Crampons and helmets required. Gene Ellis, 303 499-8017

Saturday, December 18

Little Raven Trail *Mod. II Ski Tour*

The most exciting route to Brainard Lake. After hot tea, zip back down via the Waldrop (north) trail. Bob Lewis, 303 232-9587

Brainard Cabin *Easy Snowshoe*

Snowshoe to CMC Brainard Lake Cabin, have lunch and snowshoe back. Marilyn Fellows, 303 499-6099

Sunday, December 19

Ho Hum, Boulderado *I Climb, 5.4*

Is it Ho Ho or Ho Hum? Bruce Immele, 303 903-4517

Sunday, December 26

Rogers Pass Lake *Adv. I Ski Tour*

Rogers Pass Lake on double cambered c/c touring skis. Long trip out of east portal. Trail skiing at its best. Willy Gully, 303 939-8382

Wednesday, December 29

Leader's Choice

Ice Climb

Where the ice is... Rollinsville, Hidden Falls, Clear Creek, Big Thompson. Previous ice experience, helmet and crampons required. Tom Walker, 303 666-7199



Repeat performance of “moose on the loose”?

Last winter, Pat Butler passed on a couple photos of a mother moose and two offspring that were seen frequenting the Brainard Lake parking area.

Pat said the photo shows “mostly the mom, licking the car for salt of some kind (apparently they will spend over half an hour doing that before moving on).”

CMCers Jan and Dave Robertson’s son, Ken, lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and frequently encounters moose on trails and roads. Since this is not part of the normal backcountry lore we Front Rangers know much about, and probably not taught in the hiking, mountaineering, or cross-country ski schools, Pat asked Ken for some advice about what to do if we see moose on a trail.

Ken says: “My advice: Be d*** careful. Moose have peas for brains (and that is being charitable) and if you do something they perceive as threatening they are very dangerous. Typically I will ride or ski past one if (1) their butt is more or less towards me; (2) they are 50 feet or more off the trail; (3) they seem occupied with eating; and (4) I can pass them with some speed. Otherwise, bushwhack around them, chase them with your car or whatever. They accelerate from standing to full speed in about 3 strides are a heck of a lot more agile & fast than they look. Soooo, don’t treat them like horses and be especially careful if they have offspring around. Obviously they are not predators, but they do weird stuff.”

Editor’s note: If the moose are back at Brainard this winter, send in a picture. Let’s see how much the babies have grown.

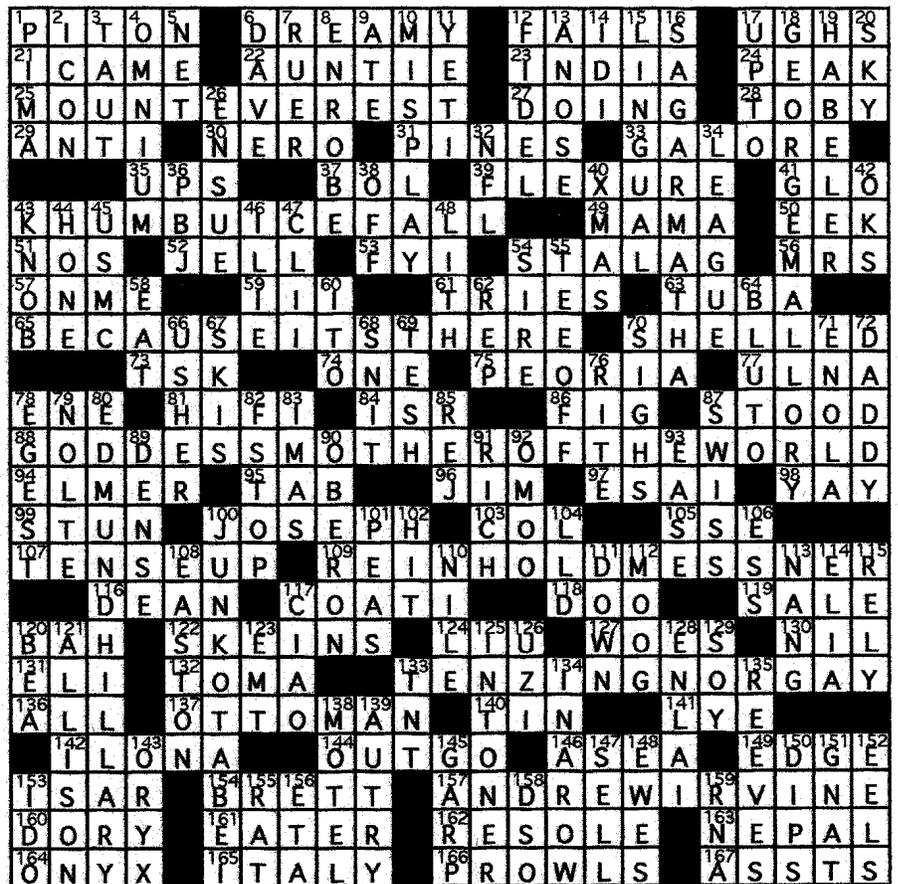


Mama moose licking a jeep at the Brainard Lake parking area last December.

— photo by Cliff Watts

Did you finish it yet?

Just in case you need a little help, here are the answers to Joel Kaplow’s *On Top of the World* crossword.



By Joel Kaplow



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CMC Board of Directors Members Needed

Desired skills include:

- Development • Marketing • Finance
- Community contacts • Love of the mountains!

The next 3-year term begins January 2005. For more information, please contact nominating committee chair Alice White at aawhite@jessopco.com or 303-670-0573.



Where Are We?!?

The Boulder Clubroom is located in the Table Mesa Shopping Center on Broadway. It's on the upper level, around the west corner from the Neptune Mountaineering store and straight back. You can also park on the lower level and walk up the stairs in front of Video Update.



Volunteers Needed for the Mountain Festival

Docents are needed daily for the Subhankar Banerjee Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge photo exhibit through January 9. Shifts will be two and a half hours, weekdays 2-9pm, weekends noon-5pm.

For more information about the Mountain Festival, go to www.cmc.org/festival. Volunteers don't need to be CMC members, just fans of art, photography and the mountains.

Contact Julie Beckwith at 303-996-2764 or beckwj@cmc.org if you can help out.

JOIN CMC's Conservation Alert List to learn about and get involved with upcoming events, issues, etc.

Send e-mail to conservation@cmc.org with a message saying you want to sign up.

